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CONFIRMATION NO. 9739

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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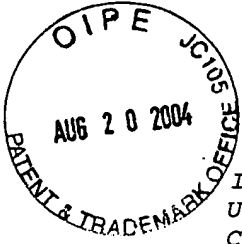
- An abstract of the technical disclosure not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) is required. An abstract was not provided for this application.

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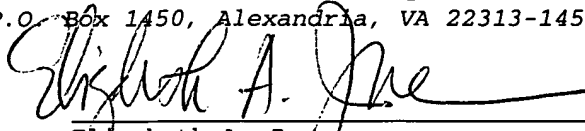
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Appl No. : 10/811,091  
Applicant : Neil Rapaport  
Filed : March 26, 2004  
Title : SNAP AWAY STRINGED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PICK  
TC/A.U. : 2837  
Examiner : To be assigned  
Docket No. : 52193/DRK/R625  
Customer No. : 23363

**COMMUNICATION**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated July 27, 2004, enclosed are the following:

1. A copy of the application as filed (10 pages), which includes the Abstract page, on March 26, 2004;
2. A copy of the return postcard, which indicates 10 pages were submitted.
3. A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

Appln No. 10/811,091

Amdt date August 17, 2004

Reply to Office action of July 27, 2004

We respectfully request that this application be processed accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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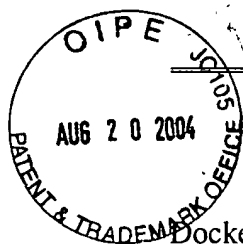
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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
**(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))**

Docket No. : 52193/DRK/R625  
Inventor(s) : Neil Rapaport  
Title : SNAP AWAY STRINGED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PICK  
Express Mail Label No. : EL 904756979 US

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March 26, 2004

1. ☒ **FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM** *(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing).*

2. **IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ This application is a \_\_\_\_\_ of patent application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Prior application information: Examiner ; Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR §1.78(a)(4).

3. **APPLICATION COMPRISED OF**

**Specification**

10 Specification, claims and Abstract (total pages)

**Drawings**

4 Sheets of formal drawing(s) (FIGS. 1 to 8)

**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

☒ Newly executed  
\_\_\_\_ Unexecuted declaration  
\_\_\_\_ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))(for continuation and divisional)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Microfiche Computer Program** *(Appendix)*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission** *(if applicable, all necessary)*

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\_\_\_\_ Statement verifying identity of above copies

6. **APPLICANT(S) STATUS UNDER 37 CFR §1.27**

☒ Applicant(s) and any others associated with it/them under §1.27(a) are a **SMALL ENTITY**

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
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**7. ALSO ENCLOSED ARE**

- ☐ Request and Certificate under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) **Request for Non-Publication**
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
  - ☐ Includes "Cross-Reference to Related Applications"
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for the parent application and the required fee are enclosed
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention with the Recordation Cover Sheet and the recordation fee are enclosed
- ☐ This application is owned by pursuant to an Assignment recorded at Reel , Frame
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO/SB/08A/B
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
- ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized).
- ☐ Other:

**8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

**DATE: March 26, 2004**

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Inventor(s) : Neil Rapaport  
Title : SNAP AWAY STRINGED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PICK Duplicate \_\_\_\_

**FEE DETERMINATION**

CLAIMS AS FILED					
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE	LARGE ENTITY RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	20 - 20	= 0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3	= 0	0 x \$43.00	0 x \$86.00	0
MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE			\$145.00	\$290.00	0
BASIC FEE			\$385.00	\$770.00	385
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$385
List Independent Claims: 1, 14					

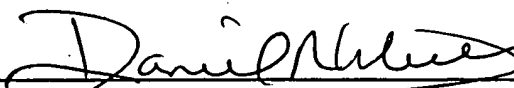
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Title: **SNAP AWAY STRINGED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

**PICK**

Priority Claimed? YES

Assignment Enclosed (List Assignee)

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Transmittal Letter(s)

Application (No. of Pages)

Declaration & Pwr of Atty

Informal/Format Drawings

3 Specimens/Photos/Facsimiles

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